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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AKHTAR ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/034,574

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: VARIABLE RATE MULTI-ARC
COMPOSITE LEAF SPRING
ASSEMBLY

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) Art Unit: 3613
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) Examiner: Not Assigned
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to bring the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner in the above-captioned application for U.S. Letters Patent. A copy of each of the referenced documents is enclosed herewith, along with a copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,938,221	Wilson	08/17/99
6,435,485	Greco	08/20/02

B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
59-89839	Japan	05/24/84
0 994 270	EP	04/19/00

II. DISCUSSION

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,938,221

The '221 patent was cited as an X-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding British Patent Application. An X-type reference is a document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step.

B. U.S. Patent No. 6,435,485

The '485 patent was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding British Patent Application. An A-type reference regards technical background and/or state of the art information and is not deemed pertinent to patentability.

C. Japanese Patent Reference No. 59-89839

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '839 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a leaf plate that is coupled with a helper plate and there are elastic members between the two plates.

The '839 patent reference was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding British Patent Application.


D. European Patent Reference No. 0 994 270

The '270 patent reference was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding British Patent Application.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

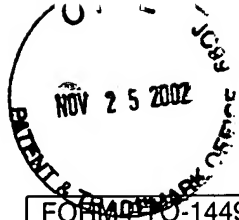
Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,435,485 B1	08/20/2002	Greco		1/29/2001
	A2	5,938,221	08/17/1999	Wilson		12/8/1997
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	A14	EP0994270 A2	19/04/2000	EPO			X
	A15	JP59089839A ✓	05/24/1984	JAPAN		X	
	A16						
	A17						
	A18						

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